

Midlothian's Paper Editor Given Award

ALTON, Ill. (AP)—Penn Jones Jr., editor and publisher of the Midlothian Mirror, has been named winner of the Elijah Lovejoy Award for courage in journalism.

Selection of the Texan, 48, was announced at the opening of the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors.

The award, named for an Illinois editor who was killed by a mob in 1837 while trying to defend his printing press, cites weekly newspaper editors for outstanding editorial service.

During 1962, Jones was beaten twice in fist fights over his editorial stands and his newspaper plant was bombed. Since then he had continued to report city and school board meetings.

"I was whipped in both fights, but my newspaper was not," Jones said.

Jones bought the Midlothian Mirror in 1946 after serving in the war. In his first editorial the 5-foot-3 editor wrote:

"We intend to insult those people who fail or refuse to fulfill the obligations or responsibilities they have inherited along with their citizenship in the greatest country on earth."

After a member of the John Birch Society spoke to a compulsory assembly at Midlothian High School in 1962, Jones urged that another speaker be invited. A fist fight ensued between Jones and the school principal.

Soon another fight broke out between the John Birch speaker and Jones at the Midlothian Mirror office.

The next week a fire bomb tossed into the newspaper plant caused an estimated \$7,000 damage. The bombing has not been solved.

Jones, a native of Red River County, worked his way through the University of Texas, where he studied law until 1940 when he became a sergeant.

He was retired last November with the rank of colonel. Last week the 36th Division cited Jones by promoting him to brevet-brigadier general.

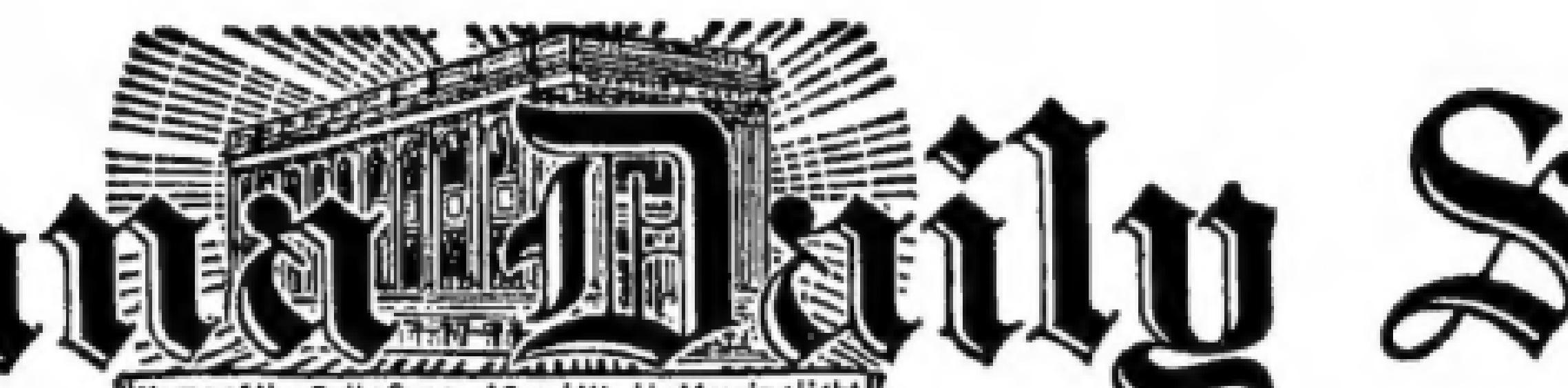
THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy and hot through Wednesday; low tonight near 80, high Wednesday 100 plus.

Thermometer Readings:

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK, July 16—(P)—Stocks—Mixed; light trading. Bonds—Mixed; rails active. Cotton—Mostly lower; moderate trading.

CHICAGO: Wheat—Mixed; nearby months firm. Corn—Mixed; old crop contract strong. Oats—Firm; scattered buying. Hogs—Weak to 50 cents lower; top \$19.50. Slaughter steers—Steady to 50 cents lower; top \$25.50.

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